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FEAR OR FRAUD.

FROM VARIOUS AUTHORS.

"Would you your tender offspring rear
With minds well-form'd, devoid of fear,
Ne'er let the nurse with idle tale
Of Ghost their infant ears assail,
Or Bug-a- boo! or Chimney Sweep!
To Terrify them into Sleep.
Thus, when matur'd by rip'ning age,
And brought upon the world's great stage,
No midnight horrors vex the Soul
Of howling dog, or hooting owl!
But on they move with manly tread,
Accross the mansions of the dead;
Or pass the ruin'd tower, where
Tradition says' Goblins appear."

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An ACCOUNT of some IMAGINARY APPARITIONS.

An Imaginary Apparition, the Effect of Fear.

From the Secrets of the Invisible World laid open.

A Sober grave gentleman, who must not wear a name in our story, because it was rather a distemper in his mind than a real deficiency of brains, had by a long disuse of the sprightly part of his sense, which he really had no want of at other times, suffered himself to sink a little too low in his spirits, and let the Hypochondria emit too strongly in vapour and fumes up into his head. This had its fits and its intervals; sometimes he was clear-sighted, and clear-headed; but at other times he saw stars at noon-day, and devils at night; in a word, the world was an apparition to his imagination, when the flatus prevailed, and the spleen boiled up: of all which he could give no account, nor could he assist the operation of physic by any of his own powers towards a cure.

It happened, that he was abroad at a friend's house later than ordinary one night; but being moon-light, and having a servant with him, he seemed to be easy, and was observed to be chearful and even merry, with a great deal of good-humour, more than had been observed in him for some time before.

He knew his way perfectly well, for it was

ithin three miles of the town where he liv-
, and he was very well mounted; but
ough the moon was up; an accident, which
little diſordered him, was, that it was not
nly cloudy, but a very thick, black cloud
ame ſuddenly (that is to ſay, without his
otice, ſo it was ſudden to him) and ſpread
ver his head, which made it very dark;
nd, to add to the diſorder, it began to rain
iolently.

Upon this, being very well mounted, as I
efore obſerved, he reſolved to ride for it,
aving not above two miles to the town; ſo
aping ſpurs to his horſe, he galloped away.
His man, whoſe name was Gervais, not be-
ng ſo well mounted, was a conſiderable way
ehind. The darkneſs and the rain toge-
her put him a little out of humour; but as
hat was a little unexpected, perhaps it made
im ride the harder rather than abated his
ace.

In the way there was a ſmall river, but
here was a good bridge over it, well walled
n both ſides; ſo that there was no danger
here, more than any where elſe; but the
entleman kept on his ſpeed to go over the
ridge, when being rather more than half
ver, his horſe ſtopped on a ſudden, and
efuſed as we call it, bearing off to the right
and; he ſaw nothing at firſt, and was not
uch diſcompoſed at it, but ſpurred his
orſe to go forward; the horſe went two or
hree ſteps, then ſtopped again, ſnorted, and

ſtared, and then offered to turn ſhort back
then the gentleman looking forward to ſe
what was the matter, and if he could obſerv
what the horſe was ſcared at, ſaw two broa
ſtaring eyes, which, as he ſaid, looked hi
full in the fac

Then he was heartily frighted; but b
this time he heard his man *Gervais* comin
up. When *Gervais* came near, the firſt thin
he heard his maſter ſay, was——*Bleſs me,*
is the Devil! at which *Gervais*, a low ſpirite
fellow, was as much frighted as his maſte
however his maſter a little encouraged to be
his man ſo near him, preſs'd his horſe onc
more, and called aloud to *Gervais* to come
but he, as I ſaid, being frighted too, mad
no haſte; atlength with much ado his maſte
ſpurring his horſe again, got over the bridg
and paſſed by the creature with broad eye
which (the light a little increaſing) he affirme
poſitively, when he was paſſed, was a gre
black Bear, and conſequently muſt be th
Devil.

Tho' *Gervais* was near enough, yet fea
ing his maſter would ſet him to go befor
he kept as far off as he could: When h
maſter called he anſwered indeed, but d
not come on, at leaſt did not make mu
haſte; but ſeeing his maſter was gone pa
and that he himſelf was then obliged to fo
low, he went on ſoftly, and when he ca
to the bridge, he ſaw what his maſters ho

orted at, and refused to go on; of which u ſhall hear more preſently.

His maſter's horſe being got paſt the difulty, needed no ſpurs, but (as frighted rſes will) flew away like the wind; and the in continuing, his maſter, who on many counts was willing to be at home, let him go, ſo that he was at home and got into the uſe, long before his man *Gervais* could t up with him.

The maſter, as ſoon as he came into the ht, ſwooned away, and the ſight had ch an effect upon him, that when with uch difficulty they had brought him to mſelf, he continued very ill; and when his dy and a ſiſter he had in the houſe with n, as much over-run with the *Hippo* as mſelf, came to enquire what had happen to him; he told them a formal ſtory, that ſuch a bridge he met the *Devil;* that he aced himſelf juſt at the coming off from the idge, on his left hand, at the corner of e wall; that he ſtood and ſtared in his face, d that he could diſtinctly perceive it was e *Devil* in the ſhape of a *Bear:* He gave o er deſcriptions, ſo punctual and particular, at there was no room to doubt but it was n apparition, and that it was in the ſhape f a great bear.

GERVAIS came home ſoon after, and oing into the ſtable directly, as was his buneſs, to take care of his maſter's horſe as ell as his own, there he told the ſtory As

way; among the other servants, and especially two or three grooms or servants belonging to gentlemen that were neighbours; and he tells them that his master was in great danger of being thrown over the wall of the bridge, for that his horse was frighted at an ass which stood at the corner of the wall, and it was my fault indeed, says *Gervais*, for it was a young horse, and I had never told my master; but it was a trick he had got that he could not abide an ass, and would by no means come near one if he could help it.

And are you sure it was an ass, *Gervais*? say the other servants, staring at one another as if they were frighted: Are you sure of it? Yes, says *Gervais*, for as soon as my master got by it, I rode up to it and threshed it with my stick, and it fell a braying, which you know, says Gervais, is a base uggly noise, and so I came away and left it.

Why Gervais, say they your master believes it was the Devil, as really as if he had spoken to it.

I am sorry my master should be so frighted, says Gervais; but I am very sure it was nothing but an ass. But the story had gotten vent, and the first part of it flew all over the town; that Mr. —— had seen the Devil and was almost frighted to death.

Then came his man Gervais's tale, and made it appear that Mr. ——'s strange and wonderful apparition was dwindled into an ass, and that the Devil he had seen in the

hape of a bear was no more than a poor Boricco; as the Italians call him; this made his master be laughed at sufficiently.

However, poor Jarvis or Cervais was fain to turn out, and lost his place for it; and the wise Mr. —— to this day insists upon it, that it was the Devil, and he knew him by his broad eyes; though it is known that a bear has very little eyes: But it is impossible to persuade any vapourish body, that they have not seen the Devil, if they have but seen something, and that they are very sure they are not sure what it is.

Another — Related in a Voyage to New York.

(From the Wonderful Magazine.)

WE had not been four days at sea, before an occurrence of a very singular nature broke in upon our quiet: it was a ghost! One night when all was still and dark, and the ship rolling in the cradle of the sea, before the wind, a man sprung suddenly upon the deck in his shirt, his hair erect, his eyes starting from their sockets, and uttered, he had seen a ghost. After his horror was a little reduced, we asked him, what he had seen; he said the figure of a woman dressed in white, with eyes flaming fire; that she came to his hammock, and stared him in the face. This we treated as an idle dream, and sent the frantic fellow to his bed. This story became the subject of every man's

mouth, and the ſucceeding night produced half a dozen more terrified men, to corroborate what had happened the firſt, and all agreed in the ſame ſtory, that it was a woman. This plot thickning by time, became the obſervation of the captain and officers, and all were equally ſedulous to diſcover the cauſe. I placed myſelf night by night beneath the hammocks to watch its appearance, but in vain, and ſtill the appearance was nightly as uſual, and the horrors and fears of the people rather daily increaſed than diminiſhed. A phantom of this ſort rather amuſed than perplexed my mind, and when I had given over every idea of diſcovering the cauſe of this ſtrange circumſtance, and the thing began to wear itſelf away—I was ſurpriſed, one very dark night, as ſeated under the boats, with a ſtately figure in white, ſtalking along the deck! the whimſicality of the event ſtruck my mind that it was the ghoſt; I dropped down from the place I was in, to the deck on which it appeared; when it pauſed, turned round, and marched directly forwards: I followed it cloſe, through the gallery and out at the head doors, when the figure diſappeared, which much aſtoniſhed me, as it was impoſſible to paſs me in ſo narrow a place unperceived. I then leaped upon the forecaſtle, and aſked of the people who were walking there, if ſuch a figure had paſſed them? they replied no, with ſome emotion and pleaſure, as I had ever

ridiculed the truth of this narrative. This night ſcene between me and the ghoſt became the theme of the enſuing day; at twelve o'clock, when the people pricked at the tub for their beef, Jack Sutton was miſſing; the ſhip's company was muſtered, and he was not to be found. I then enquired of his meſſmates the character of the man, and after a number of interrogatories, one of them ſaid, Jack uſed to tell him a number of comical jokes about his walking in his ſleep. Now the myſtery was unravelled, and the unfortunate youth had walked overboard in his dream. But what gave confirmation and even ſubſtance to the ſhadow, was the evil conſcience of the firſt fellow that ſhewed ſuch ſigns of horror, who, on inquiry, was found to be a flagitious villain, and had murdered a woman whom he believed always haunted him, and the appearance of this ſleep-walker confirmed the ghoſt of the murdered fair one; for in ſuch caſes, conſcience is a buſy monitor, and ever active to it's own pain and diſturbance.

Another—From the Life of J. Lackington, Bookſeller.

I Had one day walked with my father to Holy well lake, a village two miles from Wellington, where meeting with ſome good ale, he could not find in his heart to part from it until late at night. When we were returning home by the way of Rockwell

Green, (commonly called Rogue-Green, from a gang of robbers and houſe breakers which formely lived there) having juſt paſſed the bridge, we were met by ſeveral men and women, who appeared to be very much frightened, being in great agitation. They informed us that they were returning back to Rogue-Green, in order to keep there that night. They having been prevented from going home to Wellington by a dreadful Apparition, which they all had ſeen in the hollow way, about a quarter of a mile diſtant; adding, that a perſon had been murdered there formerly, and that the ghoſt had walked there ever ſince; that they had never before paid much attention to the well-known report; but now they were obliged to credit it, having had ocular demonſtration. My father had drank too large a quantity of ale to be much afraid of any thing, and I (who could not let ſlip ſuch an opportunity of ſhewing my courage) ſeconded matters for the poor terrified people to return with us and as I offered to lead the van, they were prevailed on to make the attempt once more, but ſaid, that it was rather preſumptuous, and hoped that no dreadful conſequence would enſue, as all the company, they truſted, were honeſt-hearted, and intended no harm to any perſon: they moreover added, that "God certainly was above the Devil". I then advanced, and kept before the company about fifty yards.

"Whiſtling aloud to bear my coutage up."

But when we had walked about a quarter of a mile, I ſaw, at ſome diſtance before, in the hedge, the dreadful apparition that had ſo terrified our company. Here it is! (ſaid I) 'Lord have mercy upon us!" replied ſome of the company, making a full ſtop; and would have gone back again, but ſhame prevented them. I ſtill kept my diſtance before, and called out to them to follow me,—aſſuring them that I was determined to ſee what it was. They then fell one behind another, and advanced in ſingle files. As I proceeded I too was ſeized with a timid apprehenſion, but durſt not own it; but ſtill kept on before, although I perceived my hair to heave my hat from my head, and my teeth to chatter in my mouth. In fact I was greatly agitated at what I ſaw, the object much reſembled the human figure as to ſhape, but the ſize was prodigious. However, I had promiſed to ſee what in was, and for that purpoſe, I obſtinately ventured on about thirty yards from the place where I firſt had ſight of it. I then perceived that it was only a very ſhort tree, whoſe limbs had been newly cut off, the doing of which had made it much reſemble a giant. I then called to the company, and informed them, with a hearty laugh, that they had been frightened at the ſtump of a tree.

Another—From the Same.

A Terrible alarm which ſome years ſince took place in an Hoſpital of this city, as related to me by a Gentleman then reſident in the houſe, who was compleating his Medical education, and on whoſe veracity I can confidently rely.

For ſeveral nights ſucceſſively, a noiſe had been heard in the lower part of the building; like the continual tapping againſt a window; which led the night nurſes *wiſely* to conclude it muſt certainly be occaſioned by the Spirit of one of the bodies depoſited in the dead-houſe, wiſhing to make its eſcape that way, the ſound ſeeming to proceed from that particular quarter. The dread of theſe *ſagacious ladies* at laſt became ſuch, as totally prevent their going from ward to ward to do their duty, and determined my friend to attempt to lay this perturbed ſpirit; which however he apprehended would more ſpeedily, as well as effectually be performed by the aſſiſtance of a good cudgel, than by any exorciſms; he therefore inſtead of conſulting the Chaplain, give orders the next night as ſoon as the uſual *dreadful ſound* was heard, to give him notice. This you may ſuppoſe they did not neglect doing, though at the ſame time they were ſhocked at his temerity, and apprehenſive for the conſequences. He immediately ſallied forth, with a candle in one hand, and a good tough twig in the

other, accompanied with two of the men ſervants of the Hoſpital, accoutred in the ſame manner. The dead-houſe was paſſed; the noiſe continued; though it evidently proceeded from a window at ſome diſtance in the area. When the cavalcade came near the ſcene of action, the window ſuddenly and violently broke, without any thing being ſeen. This my friend confeſſed, for a moment to occaſion his making a halt; but as nothing viſible had eſcaped through the area, it occured to him ſomething might have made an entrance that way: accordingly he proceeded to the internal part of the building, and on opening the door, the apparition immediately not only appeared, but diſappeared, and that ſo inſtantaneouſly as not to afford time to apply the remedy intended. And what, think you, was this dreadful ſpirit?—A CAT.—

An Imaginary Apparition, the effect of Fraud, from the Secrets of the Inviſible World laid open.

A Perſon who kept a lodging houſe near the ſprings, at Aix-la-Chapelle, having loſt his wife, committed the management of his family to his daughter, a ſprightly well made handſome girl, about twenty. There were at that time in the houſe two ladies and their waiting woman, two Dutch officers, and a Dominican friar.

It happened that as the young woman of the houſe was aſleep one night in her bed,

ſhe was awakened by ſomething that attempted to draw the cloaths off the bed; ſhe was at firſt frighted, but thinking, upon recollection, that it might be the houſe dog, ſhe called him by his name: The cloaths however, were ſtill pulled from her, and ſhe ſtill imagining it was by the dog, took up a bruſh that lay in her reach, and attempted to ſtrike him. At that moment ſhe ſaw a flaſh of ſudden light that filled the whole room; upon which ſhe ſhrieked out, at the ſame time covering her face with the ſheet: When ſhe again ventured to look out, all was dark and ſilent, and the cloaths were no longer drawn from her.

In the morning when ſhe related this ſtory, every one treated it as a dream, and the girl herſelf at laſt took it for granted, that it was no more than illuſion.

The night following ſhe was again awakened by ſomething that jogged her; and ſhe thought ſhe felt a hand in the bed; upon endeavouring to repreſs it, another flaſh of lightening threw her into a fit of terror; ſhe ſhut her eyes and croſſed herſelf: When ſhe ventured to open her eyes again, the light was vaniſhed, but in a ſhort time ſhe felt what ſhe ſuppoſed to be a hand again in the bed; ſhe again endeavoured to repreſs it; but looking towards the foot of the bed, ſhe ſaw a large luminous croſs, on which was written diſtinctly, as with light, the words *be ſilent.* She was now ſo terrified, that ſhe

had not power to break the injunction, but ſhe ſhrunk down into the bed, and covered herſelf all over with the cloaths.

In this ſituation ſhe lay a conſiderable time, and being no longer moleſted, ſhe ventured once more to peep out when, to her unſpeakable aſtoniſhment, ſhe ſaw a phantaſm ſtanding by the ſide of her bed, almoſt as high as the ceiling, a kind of glory encircled its head, and the whole was in the form of a crucifix, except that it ſeemed to have ſeveral hands, one of which again approached the bed.

Suppoſing the phænomenon to be ſome celeſtial viſion, ſhe exerted all her fortitude, and leaping out of bed, threw herſelf upon her knees before it; but ſhe inſtantly found herſelf aſſaulted in a manner which convinced her ſhe was miſtaken; ſhe had not ſtrength to diſengage herſelf from ſomething that embraced her, and therefore ſcreamed out as loud as ſhe could to alarm the houſe, and bring ſomebody to her aſſiſtance.

Her ſhrieks awakened the ladies who lay in an adjacent chamber, and they ſent their woman to ſee what was the matter. The woman, upon opening the room ſaw a luminous phantaſm, which greatly terrified her, and heard in a deep threatning tone the words *at thy peril begone.*

The woman inſtantly ſcreemed out, and withdrew; the ladies roſe in the utmoſt con-

ſternation and terror, but nobody came to their aſſiſtance; the old man, the father of the girl, was aſleep in a remote part of the houſe; the friar alſo reſted in a room at the end of a long gallery in another ſtory; and the two dutch officers were abſent on a viſit at a neighbouring village.

No other violence, however, was offered to the girl that night. As ſoon as the morning dawned ſhe got up, ran down to her father, and told all that had happened; the two ladies were not long abſent, they did not ſay much, but diſcharged their arrears, and quitted the houſe. The friar aſked the girl ſeveral queſtions, and declared that he had heard other inſtances of the like nature, but ſaid the girl would do well to obey the commands of the viſion, and that no harm would come of it. He ſaid he would remain to ſee the iſſue, and in the mean time he ordered proper prayers and maſſes to be ſaid at a neighbouring convent of his order, to which he moſt devoutly joined his own.

The girl was comforted with this ſpiritual aſſiſtance, but, notwithſtanding, took one of the maids to be her bedfellow the next night.

In the dead of the night the flaming croſs was again viſible, but no attempt was made on either of the women. They were however, greatly terrified, and the ſervant ſaid ſhe would rather leave her place than lie in the room again.

The friar the next morning took the merit of the ſpirit's peaceable behaviour to himſelf. The prayers and maſſes were renewed, and application was made to the convents of Liege for auxiliary aſſiſtance. The good friar in the mean time, was by no means idle at home; he performed his devotions with great ardour, and towards evening he beſtowed a plentiful libation of holy water on the chamber and the bed.

The girl not being able to perſuade the ſervant to ſleep with her again in the haunted room, and being encouraged by the friar to abide the iſſue, having alſo great confidence herſelf in the prayers, maſſes, and ſprinklings that had been uſed on the occaſion, ſhe ventured once more to ſleep in the ſame room by herſelf.

In the night, after hearing ſome ſlight noiſes, ſhe ſaw the room all in a blaze, and a great number of ſmall luminous croſſes, with ſcrips of writing here and there very legible, among which the precept to be ſilent, was moſt conſpicuous.

In the middle of the room ſhe ſaw ſomething of a human appearance, which ſeemed covered only with a linen garment, like a ſhirt; it appeared to diffuſe a radiance round it, and at length, by a ſlow and ſilent pace, it approached the bed: When it came up to the bed-ſide, it drew the curtain more open, and lifted up the bed-cloaths was about to come in. The girl, now more terrified than

ever, ſcreamed out with all her power; as every body in the houſe was upon the watch, ſhe was heard by them all, but the father only had courage to go to her aſſiſtance, and his bravery was probably owing to a conſiderable quantity of reliques, which he had procured from the convent, and which he brought in his hand.

When he came, however, nothing was to be ſeen but ſome of the little croſſes and inſcriptions, ſeveral of which were now luminous only in part.

Being himſelf greatly terrified at theſe appearances, he ran to the friar's apartment and with ſome difficulty prevailed upon him to go with him to the haunted room, the friar at firſt excuſed himſelf upon account of the young woman's being there in bed. As ſoon as he entered and ſaw the croſſes, he proſtrated himſelf on the ground, and uttered many prayers and incantations, to which the honeſt landlord ſaid Amen.

The poor girl, in the mean time, lay in a kind of trance, and her father, when the prayers were over, ran down ſtairs for ſome wine, a cordial being neceſſary to recover her; the friar, at the ſame time, ordered him to light and bring with him a conſecrated taper, for hitherto they had had no light but that of the viſion, which was ſtill ſtrong enough to diſcover every thing in the room.

In a ſhort time the old man entered with a taper in his hand, and in a moment all the

luminous appearances vanished. The girl, soon after, recovered, and gave a very sensible account of all that had happened; and the landlord and the friar spent the rest of the night together.

The friar, however, to shew the power of the demon and the holy virtue of the taper, removed it several times from the chamber before the day broke, and the croffes and inscriptions were again visible, and remained so till the taper was brought back, and then vanished as at first.

When the sun arose, the friar took his leave to go to Mattins, and did not return till noon. In the mean time the two Dutch officers came home, and soon learnt what had happened, though the landlord took all the pains he could to conceal it. The reports they heard were confirmed by the pale and terrified appearance of the girl; their curiosity was greatly excited, and they asked her innumerable questions.

Her answers, instead of extinguishing, increased it: They assured the landlord that they would not leave his house, but, on the contrary, would afford him all the assistance in their power.

As they were young gentlemen of a military profession, and Protestants, they were at once bold and incredulous. They pretended all however, to adopt the opinion of the landlord, that the appearances were supernatural; but it happened that upon going into

the room they found the remainder of the taper, on the virtues of which the landlord had largely expatiated, and immediately perceived that it was only a common candle of a large size, which he had brought by miſtake in his fright.

This diſcovery convinced them that there was a fraud, and that appearances that vaniſhed at the approach of unconſecrated light were produced by mere humane artifice.

They therefore conſulted together, and at length agreed that the maſſes ſhould be continued, that the landlord ſhould ſay not one word of the candle, or the ſuſpicions it had produced: that his daughter, the next night, ſhould ſleep in the apartment which had been quitted by the ladies, and that one of the officers ſhould lie in the girl's bed, while the other, with the landlord ſhould wait in the kitchen to ſee the iſſue.

This plan was accordingly, with great ſecrecy, carried into execution.

For two hours after the officer had been in bed, all was ſilent and quiet, and he began to ſuſpect that the girl had been fanciful, or that their ſecret had tranſpired; when all on a ſudden he heard the latch of the door gently raiſed, and perceived ſomething approach the bed and attempt to take off the cloaths; he reſiſted with ſufficient ſtrength to fruſtrate the attempt, and immediately the room appeared to be all in a flame; he ſaw many croſſes and inſcriptions injoining ſi-

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eck, he inſtantly drew it cloſe, which
rought him to the ground, and then threw
imſelf upon him; the fall and the ſtruggle
nade ſo much noiſe that the other officer and
he landlord ran up with the lights and wea-
ons, and the goblin was found to be no other
han the good friar, who having conceived
ſomething more than a ſpiritual affection for
is landlord's pretty daughter, had played
his infernal farce to gratify his paſſion.

It appeared that this fellow, who was near
ix feet high, had made himſelf appear ſtill
igher, by putting upon his head a kind of
ara of imboſſed paper, and had alſo thruſt
ſtick through the ſleeves of his habit,
hich formed an appearance of a croſs, and
ill left his hands at liberty; and that he
ad rendered himſelf and his apparatus viſi-
le in the dark by phoſphorus.

Another—From the life of J. Lackington, Bookseller.

AT Wilkscome, nine miles from Taunton, a gentleman farmer's house was alarmed every night between twelve and one o'clock. The chamber doors were thrown open, the bed cloths pulled off the beds, and the kitchen furniture thrown with violence about the kitchen, to the great terror of the family, insomuch that the servants gave their master and mistress warning to leave their places, and some of them actually quitted their service. This dreadful affair had lasted about six weeks, when a young gentleman who was there on a visit being in bed one night, at the usual hour he heard his chamber door thrown open, and a very odd noise about his room. He was at first frightened, but the noise continuing a long time, he became calm and laid still revolving what he had best do. When on a sudden he heard the spirit creep under his bed, which was immediately lifted up, &c. This convinced him that there was some substance in the spirit; on which he leaped out of bed and secured the door, and with his oaken staff belaboured the ghost under the bed as hard as he could, until he heard a female voice imploring for mercy. On that he opened his chamber door, and called aloud for a light. The family all got up as fast as possible, and came to his room. He then informed them that he had got the spi

t under the bed; on hearing which, moſt
f them were terribly frightened, and would
ave run off faſter than they came, but he
ſſured them, they had nothing to fear: then
dragged the half murdered ſpirit
om under the bed. But how great was
eir ſurpriſe and ſhame; when they diſco-
ered that this tormenting devil was no
her than one of their ſervant girls, about
xteen years of age, who had been confined
her bed ſeveral months by illneſs.

Another—From the ſame.

THIS ghoſt was no ſooner laid, than two others alarmed the neighbourhood; e of which for a long time ſhook a houſe ery night, and terribly diſtreſſed the fa- ily; at length they all reſolved one night go over the whole houſe in a body, and e what it was that ſo agitated the building. hey examined every room; but in vain, as cauſe could be diſcovered. So they very iouſly as well as unanimouſly concluded, at it muſt be *the devil.*

But about a fortnight after this, one of the mily being out late in the garden, ſaw a at boy get in at the window of an old uſe next door, (part of which was in ins) and ſoon after the houſe began to ake as uſual, on which the family went out their own habitation and entered the old uſe where the boy was ſeen to get in; yet a long time they could not diſcover any

perſon, and were juſt turning to come o
again, when one of the company obſerv
the boy over their head, ſtriding ove
end of a large beam that ran accrols bo
houſes.

It was then apparent that the violent a
tation of the adjoining houſe was occaſion
by nothing more than his leaping up a
down on the unſupported end of this bea

Another—from the ſame.

ANOTHER apparition had for a lo
time ſtole many geeſe, turkeys, &
and although it had been ſeen by many, y
nobody would venture to go near it: un
at length one perſon a little wiſer than t
reſt of his neighbours, ſeeing the famous a
parition all over white ſtealing his fowls, w
determined to be fully ſatisfied what kind
a ſpirit it could be that had ſo great a pred
lection for poultry. He accordingly we
round the yard, and as the apparition w
coming over the wall, he knocked it dow
and found that this terrible ghoſt was
neighbouring woman, who had put on h
ſhroud, in order to deter any perſons ſho
they by chance ſee her, from coming ne
her. Thus, though ſhe had for a long ti
ſucceſsfully practiſed this new way of pro
ring poultry, the old fox was caught at l

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